



GOOD ROADS WILL MAKE FLORIDA A PARADISE

Jacksonville, May 11, 1907.
To the Editor Ocala Banner:
I enclose a cut showing what an ideal state highway system should look like in years to come.
We of today can lay it out. We can plant the trees and our children and our children's children will enjoy traveling in the shady path we have provided by our forethought for their comfort in insisting on a wide right of way. We consider safety of life

and efficiency of service.
When every acre of land in Florida shall be developed and in a high state of cultivation the tonnage to be moved over any public highway surpasses even imagination. If the highway lacks in width the congested condition defeats the object of such a highway, viz: Speed and safety to life.
General Jackson, when he laid what is known as the King's Highway from

Tallahassee to St. Augustine, laid it 100 feet wide. If he at that time could have dreamed of a need of 100 feet, who can doubt, if he were with us today, that he would say such a main highway should be 200 feet wide at least.
Few, if any, know better than you do the importance of securing a roadway now when the land is so cheap.
Once a road is laid and settlements line the way it is nearly impossible to secure a greater width. The time to secure plenty of room is when we lay the road into and through the wild lands of the state.
A day in New York would suggest

that in laying a right of way for any transportation line or thoroughfare to meet the comfort and safety of the future, one can hardly have too much, but all in the past have given too little.
Again, those of fifty years ago had no knowledge of our present rapid rate of travel, and we today feel sure if they had they would have provided the space needed for safety.
In New York, when the entire island was for \$25, double the width of all streets would have been cheap and easy.
The same conditions exist in Florida today. The land is cheap and can be had for the asking. In fact our people will appreciate what such a

line means to them, and even assist, not only in a free gift of a right of way but give other aid to secure the same through their property.
I notice that in the initial work in constructing a system of state roads only one line has been provided from Jacksonville to Tampa. My impression has always been that one line should follow up the St. Johns river to Sanford, and pass on by way of Orlando, Barrow, Lakeland, Plant City and Tampa.
While a line equally important and for the same reasons should be laid from Jacksonville via Baldwin, Starke, Gainesville, Ocala, Leesburg, Brooksville, Dade City, to connect with the other line at Plant City,

making two lines to Tampa, no doubt the cities left out in case only these lines compose the system, are not sleeping, but will in due time be heard from. If each one of the cities to be affected were to appoint delegates to go to Tallahassee and advise with our law makers, it could do no harm, but in my judgment much good would result from such a conference.
I am sending you a cut of a section of what this great thoroughfare ought to be and would be pleased to have you use it in your ably edited paper and give the public and me your views in relation to such a system.
Yours truly,
A. S. MANN, State Organizer.

\$100 WILLED 100 YEARS AGO GROWS TO \$19,431.72

Testator Stipulated the Accumulated Money Should be Paid to Charity at End of Century
Northampton, Mass., May 9.—The will of John James, of the town of Goshen, made one hundred years ago, was presented in the probate court today. It stipulated that at the end of 100 years \$100 with its accumulated interest should be paid to the town of Goshen and the parish of the Congregational church of that town.
The \$100 with its accumulation now amounts to \$19,431.72.
The court ordered a division of the fund according to the terms of the will. One portion of the money—\$10,556.72—was ordered to be paid to the town for the benefit of the schools and the support of the poor of the town, and \$8800 applied to the support of a gospel minister in that town and for the repairs of the house of worship, which has the same organization and the same meeting house that existed in the lifetime of the testator.

The U. D. C. Meeting

Friday afternoon was the time for the regular monthly meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy, and at this time Mrs. Charles H. Mathews entertained the chapter.
The meeting was quite a large one and was unusually pleasant, Mrs. Mathews serving delicious refreshments after the business session.
Mrs. Fannie R. Gary presided at the meeting and among other things Mrs. J. R. Moorhead, who was one of the delegates to the annual convention at Jacksonville, gave a very splendid report of the sessions of the convention in that city. Mrs. Moorhead's report was a full and concise one, and was very much enjoyed by the members who could not attend the convention.
The amount realized by the rummage sale was one hundred and seventy-two dollars and a few cents, and this was turned over to the treasurer at this meeting. Several other smaller sums were also turned in at this meeting, making the amount over two hundred dollars. This now makes nearly one thousand dollars that has been collected for the Confederate monument fund. The Daughters expect to raise fifteen hundred dollars before they erect the monument.
The Daughters expect to give a dinner on June third for the Confederate Veterans. The committee for the arrangements of this affair was appointed at the meeting at Mrs. Mathews, and steps will be taken at once towards getting up this dinner, which is given every year on Jefferson Davis' birthday.

A Citra Man Robbed

Mr. J. H. Powell went to Jacksonville this week and stopped at the New Travelers Hotel. Frank A. Griffin, a train porter, assisted him with his baggage, but Mr. Powell missed his train by a few seconds, so the porter put him in a hack, ostensibly for the purpose of taking him back to his hotel, but carried him to the outskirts of the city, where he and the driver robbed Mr. Powell and put him adrift. He reported his loss to the officers of the law, and owing to their diligence and keen wittedness they succeeded in recovering one hundred and seventy-five dollars of the two hundred dollars that were stolen.

BIG FIRE AT NEWBERRY

Two Solid Blocks Burn to the Ground. Loss Amounts to About \$100,000.
About 11:20 o'clock Thursday night fire broke out in Lamb's grocery store at Newberry. The fire gained rapid headway, and it was impossible to stay the flames as there was very little water and the buildings were very dry.
Two solid blocks, one concrete, were destroyed, including two hotels, the postoffice, depot, three cars, seven stores, the meat market, barber shop, livery stable and three residences. The loss will amount to about \$100,000.
The entire population of Newberry fought fire all night and did most heroic work.

Mr. Charles H. Lloyd of this city was a guest of the Commercial Hotel, which was destroyed, and gives a most graphic account of the fire.

Invitation to the Richmond Reunion
The following handsomely engraved invitation, embossed with the Confederate battle flag, and the flag of Virginia, in colors, has been received by prominent Confederate veterans and prominent members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in this city:
The Citizens of Richmond have the pleasure to express the wish that you will attend the United Confederate Veterans' Reunion, 1907.

In the city of Richmond, Va., May 30 to June 2.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy Jefferson Davis Monument Association requests the honor of your presence at the unveiling of the Jefferson Davis monument Monday, June 3, 1907, 12 o'clock noon, Richmond, Va.

Special events:
Thursday, May 30, unveiling equestrian statue to Maj. Gen. J. E. B. Stuart by the Veteran Cavalry Association. Observance of Hollywood Memorial Day.

Sunday, June 2—Memorial services by United Confederate Veterans and Confederate Southern Memorial Association.

Monday, June 3—Unveiling of President Jefferson Davis monument. Grand parade of veterans and military.

Intervening Days—Business of convention and entertainment of visitors.

The Ideal Newspaper

The Montgomery, Ala., Advertiser, one of the best newspapers in that staid old state, has this to say on the "Ideal Newspaper":

"A newspaper, like an individual, that has a mission in life, that is consistent and persistent in the advocacy of its policies and principles, that is respectful and self-respecting, will command the confidence and support of the public regardless of whether it always represents the views of all or not. A newspaper that is trustworthy, is honest, is bold and fearless and unwavering, and yet conservative and considerate of others, always secures respect for its opinions and confidence in its honesty of purpose. It receives and is entitled to the support of the masses.
"A newspaper controlled by personal whims and prejudices, having no fixed principle, may succeed for a time; but when storms of stress come and it is put in the crucial test,

the people find out, and once found out its influence for good is gone. It is best, therefore, for a newspaper to be honest with itself and honest with the public at all times. If its constituents cannot agree with it, they will respect frankness and come to know it even better than it knows itself. Bryan and Roosevelt are types of public men the public has come to know and to understand. If all men do not agree with them, they never stop to question their honesty.

"A newspaper that strives to emulate the example of those two men in taking the public into their confidence, will at least have its honesty above suspicion, whatever the error of judgment, which the public is always willing to forgive, but never a want of honesty."


This idea of journalism is strictly in accord with the Metropolis' views. The people pay a newspaper to give them the news. They want it as it occurred, truthfully and honestly. They want a newspaper that is honorable enough to do this, and they want a newspaper that has an avowed policy and sticks to it. They want a fearless, independent newspaper, with a disposition on the part of the paper to take the public into its confidence. The public may not agree with such a newspaper, but it does always respect it. And it is this kind of a paper the Metropolis is trying to be from day to day.—Miami Metropolis.

The Florida Gopher

The limpin bill having been defeated in the Florida legislature, a gentleman from Escambia, where the gopher is said to pass current for money according to size, has addressed Senator Board a letter asking his intervention and protection for this pet of the Florida wilds. In speaking of the virtues of the gopher he quotes a local authority on the subject. This authority says:

As an article of diet the gopher is unsurpassed, and the only reason why he does not figure on the bill of fare of every epicure in the land is because he has not the railroad facilities to put him upon the table of the people everywhere. The world knows nothing of gophers. Solomon, when preparing to entertain the beautiful Queen of Sheba, sent forth his snips on all the seas, and from the thousand isles, where many-colored birds flashed their jeweled plumage in the sun, he gathered delicacies for his feasts, yet his most sumptuous dining was deficient for want of gopher soup. Nero, in extravagant cruelty, slaughtered harmless humming birds and served their throbbing little gizzards hot on toast, but had he tasted gopher soup Rome would not have burned. All the wealth of an extravagant and luxurious court failed to supply the kitchens of the Alhambra with any luxury so palatable as a fricasseed gopher.
"Jack Spratt could eat no fat,
His wife could eat no lean;
But everybody in the world can eat gopher."

The blessings of the world are well divided after all. Juno and Minerva had ambrosia, and Jupiter and Apollo from Olympus sipped the nectar of the gods, but my humblest constituent, whose one suspender holds his copperas pants in place, as he watches the furrows opened by a butt-headed ox to receive the seeds of spring, has that greatest blessing—gopher soup. There's millions in the gopher trade.



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Too Busy to Take Part in Politics

Live Oak claims a population of 7000, or thereabouts. An important election was recently held for state senator and there were polled in Live Oak for this office 129 votes. Either Live Oak has a less population than she claims or manifests very little interest in the election of good material for an important public office.—Ocala Banner. Live Oak claims a population now of more than 8000, but they don't all vote in county elections. Might as well try to interest a man in the purchase of the moon as try to interest the average Live Oak citizen in politics. He just won't become interested and excited over political matters and that's all there is to it. However, when it comes to voting on capitol removal, we expect to poll about "steen" thousand votes. The Live Oak citizen wakes up when it comes to some question affecting the welfare of the city, and is ready with his vote, his influence and his money to do all in his power but he balks when it comes to politics.—Live Oak Democrat.

Mr. J. E. Charles, a prominent citizen of Oxford, was transacting business in Ocala Friday, and among other transactions made arrangements for fifty-two visitations of the Ocala Banner.

NOTICE

In the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Marion County—In Chancery.
City of Ocala, a Municipal Corporation of Florida, Complainant, vs. Fannie E. Anthony and Samuel P. Anthony, Defendants.—Order for Constructive Service.

It is ordered that the defendants herein named, to-wit: Fannie E. Anthony and Samuel P. Anthony be and they are hereby required to appear to the bill of complaint filed in this cause on or before

Monday, the 3rd day of June, 1907.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Ocala Banner, a newspaper published in said county and state.

This 2nd day of May, 1907.

S. T. SISTRUNK,
Clerk Circuit Court, Marion Co., Fla.
By H. D. Palmer, D. C.

T. E. Biggs,
Complainant's Solicitor. 5-3

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